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MEMORANDUM FOR Air National Guard Command Chief Master
Sergeants and First Sergeants

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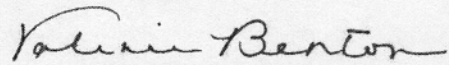
SUBJECT: Deployment Status of ANG Command Chief Master Sergeants
and ANG First Sergeants

Due to the rising concerns on protocol issues for Air National Guard (ANG) Command Chief Master Sergeants (CCM) and ANG First Sergeants, who are in deployment status, the following information is provided for guidance.

Only assigned ANG CCM's will be deployed to fill the tasking requirements of the Special Duty Identifier (SDI) 9E000. If CCM's are deployed under SDI 9E000 they must wear the CCM chevron. CCM's deploying under other AFSC's must remove their CCM chevrons to avoid confusion as to their status within the gaining command structure. The CCM's in TDY status must ensure that the gaining base and MAJCOM CCM are provided name, unit, destinations, and purpose of the TDY well in advance of the arrival date. We must do our part to ensure that protocol is included in the planning process.

Only qualified, diamond wearing First Sergeants will be deployed to fill the tasking requirements of the SDI 8F000. First Sergeants deploying in an AFSC other than SDI 8F000 are required to remove their diamond. Over the last five years we have made a huge commitment to our enlisted men and women by expanding the first sergeant corps and improving our first sergeant training. These actions are a result of our desire to better care for the enlisted corps of our Air National Guard. There are presently 886 First Sergeant authorizations within the Air National Guard. We must work to ensure that we utilize our First Sergeants appropriately.

It is extremely important that this guidance is adhered to in order to deploy with minimum confusion. The point of contact for this issue is the undersigned. I can be contacted at DSN: 327-2385, Comm: (703) 607-2385 or e-mail: Valerie.Benton@ngb.ang.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Benton".

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